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JOINT WEEKA NO. 5

POLITICAL

1. EXTREME RIGHTIST ATTACK ON PUBLISHER'S FAMILY

POLICE FEBRUARY 2 ARRESTED 17-YEAR OLD EXTREME
RIGHTIST, KAZUTAKA KOMORI, WHO CONFESSED STABBING TO DEATH
MAID AND SERIOUSLY INJURING WIFE OF HOJI SHIMANAKA, PRESIDENT
OF CHUO KORON PUBLISHING COMPANY, ON PREVIOUS NIGHT.

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- 7 SHIMANAKA, WHO WAS ABSENT WHEN KILLER FORCED WAY INTO HIS HOME, EVIDENTLY WAS INTENDED VICTIM BECAUSE OF STRONG RIGHTIST OBJECTIONS TO FICTIONAL STORY IN DECEMBER ISSUE CHUO KOKON DEPICTING PUBLIC BEHEADING OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY DURING LEFT-WING UPRISING IN TOKYO. POLICE NOW CONDUCTING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF BIN AKAO, LEADER OF GREAT JAPAN PATRIOTIC SOCIETY, TO WHICH KOMORI HAD BELONGED, AND HAVE ORDERED STRICT SURVEILLANCE OF ALL RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES.

JSP HAS ALREADY INDICATED IT INTENDS CARRY OUT "PROTEST ACTIONS" AND PURSUE GOVT'S "RESPONSIBILITY" WITHIN AND OUTSIDE DIET. "EMERGENCY" INTERPELLATIONS SCHEDULED AT DIET SESSION FEBRUARY 3. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: JSP UNDOUBTEDLY WILL SEEK TO STIMULATE "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT" AGAINST VIOLENCE AND FOR FREEDOM OF PRESS, CHARGING GOVT WITH LAXITY TOWARD RIGHTIST TERRORISM, AND RESURRECTING ASANUMA CASE (ASANUMA'S ASSASSIN WAS ALSO 17-YEAR-OLD FORMER MEMBER OF AKAO'S GROUP---WEEKA 41, ITEM 1). POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE HIGH-RANKING POLICE OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO "ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY" AND RESIGN.
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2. DIET (WEEKA 4, ITEM 1)

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(HE SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT ANY THOUGHT OF RENEGOTIATING SECURITY TREATY.) ONLY SLIP CAME IN STATEMENT REJECTING NEUTRALISM FOR JAPAN WHEN HE ASSERTED GOVERNMENT WOULD HOLD TO ITS POSITION REGARDLESS OF WHAT "WEAK, SMALL NATIONS" MAY DO. TO SOCIALIST QUERIES WHETHER BURMA, INDONESIA, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF "NEUTRAL BLOC" INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY, IKEDA REPLIED HE HAD SPOKEN GENERICALLY, LATER WITHDREW STATEMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SOCIALISTS HAVE THUS FAR COMPLETELY FAILED TO ELICIT ANY MODIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT'S FIRM PRO-US, PRO-FREE WORLD STANCE. "SHIMANAKA INCIDENT" (ITEM 1) PRESENTS OPPOSITION NEW TARGET OF ATTACK ON DOMESTIC FRONT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. RAILWAY WORKERS PLAN STRIKES: (WEEKA 48, ITEM 4)
~~IN SERIES OF~~ COMMITTEE MEETINGS JANUARY 23-26, NATIONAL RAILWAY WORKERS UNION (KOKURU) MAPPED STRATEGY FOR "SPRING CAMPAIGN" (COORDINATED WITH SOHYO'S) TO CULMINATE IN SPORADIC HALF-DAY STRIKES STARTING IN LATE MARCH. DEMANDS INCLUDE MAJOR WAGE INCREASES AND "RESTORATION" OF RIGHT TO STRIKE FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS. LABOR MINISTER STATED THAT GOVERNMENT CORPORATION WORKERS ARE ENTITLED TO WAGE INCREASES COMMENSURATE WITH THOSE RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT WORKERS LAST YEAR, BUT PROMISED THAT GOJ WOULD DEAL STERNLY WITH STRIKES WHICH

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FOLLOWING RESUMPTION 38TH REGULAR DIET JANUARY 28,

PRIMIN IKEDA IN CUSTOMARY "ADMINISTRATIVE SPEECH" JANUARY 30 PRESENTED MAIN LINES OF POLICY HIS GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW IN COMING MONTHS. SUPPORTING SPEECHES BY FOMMIN KOSAKA, FINANCE MINISTER MIZUTA, AND STATE MINISTER SAKOMIZU (DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY).

IN DOMESTIC FIELD, IKEDA'S SPEECH, AS EXPECTED, LAID HEAVY STRESS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE IMPROVEMENTS. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PRIMIN PLEDGED EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH FREE NATIONS, ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS ALSO IMPORTANT. (BETTER RELATIONS WITH PEIPING MUST BE APPROACHED FROM VIEWPOINT "EAST-WEST ADJUSTMENT".) IKEDA PROMISED TO PUSH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS.

IN INTERPELLATIONS THROUGHOUT WEEK SOCIALISTS PRESSED STRONGLY FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PEIPING AND JAPANESE SUPPORT OF UN SEAT FOR CHICOMS. DSP'S CHAIRMAN NISHIO URGED THAT PRIMIN SOUND OUT VIEWS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON PRIOR CONSULTATION, ABOLITION U.S. BASES IN JAPAN AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED NEW TREATY DURING IKEDA'S PROJECTED VISIT TO U.S. SOME MONTHS HENCE.

IKEDA FIRMLY DEFENDED HIS POLICIES AGAINST OPPOSITION ATTACKS.

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ARE PROHIBITED TO ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. PRESS HAS CAUTIONED KOKURO TO RECONSIDER STRIKE ACTION NOTING THAT IT WOULD PRESENT GOJ WITH PRETEXT TO INTRODUCE ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: KOKURO'S ACTION POLICY POSES DIRECT CHALLENGE TO GOJ BY THREATENING SUBSTANTIAL INTERRUPTION OF TRANSPORTATION AND BY EMPLOYING WORD "STRIKE". (IN PAST YEARS KOKURO USED EUPHEMISMS "MASS ABSENTEEISM" AND "WORKSHOP RALLIES".) UNION LEADERS DECIDED ON MORE AGGRESSIVE POLICY FOR "SHOCK VALUE" OF "STRIKE" AND TO DEMONSTRATE UNION STRENGTH. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ADVERSE PUBLIC OPINION AND FACTIONALISM WITHIN UNION WILL PERMIT KOKURO TO GO THROUGH WITH PLANS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. "JUNE 15 INCIDENT" TRIAL OPENS

TRIAL OF 23 DEFENDENTS (MOSTLY ZENGAKUREN MEMBERS) CHARGED WITH OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER DURING RIOT AT DIET LAST JUNE 15 BEGAN JANUARY 27 IN TOKYO DISTRICT COURT. DEFENDANTS ENTERED COURTROOM SINGING INTERNATIONALE, AND PROSECUTOR WAS HECKLED AS HE READ CHARGES. THIS CASE IS LAST OF SERIES INVOLVING OVER 80 LEFTIST DEFENDANTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN "ANTI-SECURITY TREATY STRUGGLE" DEMONSTRATIONS LAST YEAR (WEEKA 50, ITEM 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DESPITE OCCASIONAL CONFUSION AND USUAL LEFTIST REPRODUCTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

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ATTEMPTS TO USE COURTROOMS AS PROPAGANDA FORUMS, TRIALS
ON WHOLE APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING IN ORDERLY MANNER.

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5. REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT'S STATE OF UNION MESSAGE
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S STATE OF UNION MESSAGE RECEIVED FEATURE
ATTENTION AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN JAPANESE MEDIA, WITH
MOST PAPERS CARRYING FULL TEXT. GOVT AND LDP LEADERS,
PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, EDITORIALISTS, AND RADIO-TV
COMMENTATORS LAUDED PRESIDENT FOR FORTHRIGHT PRESENTATION
OF CHALLENGES CONFRONTING US AND WORLD, AND EXPRESSION
OF COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE. SOME ALSO SUGGESTED THAT
JAPAN SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR US REQUESTS IN CONNECTION
WITH DOLLAR-DEFENSE POLICY, AND FOR ADDITIONAL US DEMANDS
THAT JAPAN LIBERALIZE TRADE AND EXPAND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS.

OPPOSITION COMMENTS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC: JSP SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED
"REGRET" THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWING POLICY OF "LOOKING UPON
CHICOMS AND SOVUNION WITH HOSTILITY", WHILE DSP OFFICIAL SAW LITTLE BASIC
CHANGE FROM DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC POLICIES OF EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION.
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COMMENT: NONE.

MILITARY NEGATIVE.

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JOINT WEEKA NO. 6

POLITICAL

1. SHIMANAKA INCIDENT J WEEKA 5, ITEM 1)

SOCIALISTS DURING PAST WEEK HAVE MADE STRONG EFFORT TO CAPITALIZE ON EXTREME RIGHTIST ATTACH ON SHIMANAKA FAMILY, LEADING OPPOSITION QUESTIONING OF GOVT LEADERS WITHIN DIET AND ORGANIZAING SEVERAL "PROTEST ACTIONS" OUTSIDE DIET. COMMUNISTS HAVE ALSO SEIZED ON ISSUE (WHICH HAS DOMINATED AKAHATA FOR SEVERAL DAYS) TO AGITATE AGAINST GOVT. BY SKILLFUL HANDLING, GOVT TOOK OVER INITIATIVE IN DIET DELIBERATIONS, PROVIDING PROMPT ASSURANCES OF EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST EXTREMISTS.

PRI MIN CAME OUT STRONGLY FOR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM

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OF VIOLENCE, FOLLOWING WHICH LDP ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO DEVELOP PROGRAM FOR CRIME PREVENTION, INCLUDING FOUR IMPLEMENTING BILLS FOR PRESENTATION TO CURRENT DIET. CABINET CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL TO WORK OUT FURTHER MEASURES. GOVT ALSO STOOD UP FIRM AGAINST OPPOSITION EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT POLICE, AND HAS REJECTED DEMANDS (SOME FROM WITHIN LDP) THAT TOP POLICE OFFICIALS ACCEPT "RESPONSIBILITY" AND RESIGN. MEANWHILE, POLICE ASSIGNED BODYGUARDS TO ABOUT 100 PROMINENT PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE TARGET FOR RIGHTISTS, AND FEBRUARY 7 ARRESTED ANOTHER 17-YEAR-OLD WHO ADMITTED PLANNING ASSASSINATION OF JAPAN TEACHERS UNION CHAIRMAN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO OBSCURE LEFTIST VIOLENCE LAST YEAR BY FOCUSSED PUBLIC ATTENTION ON RIGHTIST TERRORISM, AND TO UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLICE (WHOSE REPUTATION HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY ABLE PERFORMANCE DURING MAY-JUNE DISTURBANCES). ALTHOUGH POLITICAL EXCITEMENT HAS BEGUN TO SUBSIDE, MANY JAPAN DISTURBED BY SERIES OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS (INCLUDING ADVERSE EFFECT ON JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION) AND WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHETHER GOVT FOLLOWS THROUGH ON PLEDGES OF EFFECTIVE ACTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. NIIJIMA DISPUTE (WEEK 11, ITEM 8)

CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION AGAIN FOCUSED ON NIIJIMA, SMALL ISLAND SOUTH OF TOKYO WHERE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY PLANS TO REPRODUCTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

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CONSTRUCT MISSILE TESTING BASE. PRESS PROMINENTLY PLAYED (AND GENERALLY EXAGGERATED) SMALL FREE-FOR-ALL ON ISLAND FEBRUARY 5 BETWEEN PRO-BASE AND ANTI-BASE ISLANDERS SUPPORTED RESPECTIVELY BY MEMBERS RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST GROUPS FROM TOKYO. DISPUTE PRESENTLY CENTERED ON JDA PROPOSAL THAT LOCAL GOVT IMPROVE ACCESS ROAD TO BASE SITE SO CONSRUCTION MAY BEGIN. HOWEVER, JDA HAS ADVISED NIIJIMA OFFICIALS TO DEFER MEEING OF LOCAL ASSEMBLY (WHICH WOULD VOTE ON JDA PROPOSAL) UNTIL OUTSIDE AGITATION ELIMINATED AND RISK OF VIOLENCE REDUCED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: JDA'S GO-SLOW ATTITUDE CLEARLY STEMS FROM DESIRE OF GOVT FOR "PERIOD OF CALM". ACTIVITIES OF OUTSIDE RIGHTISTS ON NIIJIMA PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSING AT THIS TIME IN VIEW CONTROVERSY STIRRED UP BY SHIMANAKA INCIDENT (ITEM 1).
(CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JAPAN-KOREA (WEEKA4, ITEM 4)

FOLLOWING TEN DAYS OF UNPRODUCTIVE ROK-JAPAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND JAPANESE DISCOURAGEMENT OVER INTRANSIGENT RESOLUTION PASSED BY ROK ASSEMBLY, SENIOR DELEGATES REACHED TENTATIVE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT TO PRESS FOR SUBSTANTIAL SOLUTION TO RESIDENTS STATUS PROBLEM PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN APRIL. GOJ ALSO AGREED DISCUSS CLAIMS IF ROKG WOULD APPROVE STUDY OF FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROBLEM.

MEANWHILE, NORTH KOREAN REPATRIATION STALLED BECAUSE NORTH

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KOREA HAS DELAYED DISPATCH OF VESSELS TO NIIGATA ON PRETEXT
 JAPANESE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC. REPATRIATION REGISTRATION FIGURES
 SHOW DISTINCT DOWNWARD TREND OF 1,261 INDIVIDUALS NOTIFIED
 ONLY 409 RESPONDED TO LAST SAILING NOTICE. GOJ BELIEVED NORTH KOREANS
 MAY PLAN LONG LAPSE TO ACCUMULATE REPATRIATES OR DISENGAGE FROM
 INCREASINGLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: TENTATIVE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT IN ROK-JAPAN TALKS
 HAS TEMPORARILY MODERATED GROWING JAPANESE SCEPTICISM THAT
 PRESENT ROKG NOT IN POSITION TO REACH ROK-JAPAN SETTLEMENT.
 (CONFIDENTIAL.)

4. SOCILIST PARTY (JSP) 1961 ACTION POLICY (WEEKA 2, ITEM 2)

JSP ACTION POLICY DRAFT RELEASED FEBRUARY 5 FOR
 CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO MARCH 6 CONVENTION CONTAINS FEW NEW PROPOSALS,
 BUT REFLECTS INFLUENCE OF "STRUCTURAL REFORM" CONCEPT (WEEKA 51, ITEM 2)
 IN ARGUMENT THAT PARTY MUST BUILD UP SUPPORT THROUGH SERIES OF
 PRACTICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
 RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA; "PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY AND
 RECONSTRUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARY POLITICS", STARTING WITH REFORMS IN
 LOCAL GOVT; AND "CONFRONTATION WITH MONOPOLY CAPITAL" TRHOUGH "STRUGGLE
 FOR POLITICAL CHANGE AND REFORM OF ECONOMIC STRUCTURE". POLICE DECLARES
 JSP WILL "CONTENT WITH COMMUNISTS SO AS TO ASSERT LEADERSHIP OVER MASS
 MOVEMENTS", CONTINUE SEVERE CRITICISM OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS,
 AND INTENSIFY EFFORT TO GAIN FULL SUPPORT OF LABOR. ALSO CALLS

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FOR "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS" AGAINST MILITARY BASE, FOR RETURN OF OKINAWA, ETC. EDITORIAL REACTION WELCOMED EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL POLICIES BUT NOTED THAT INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS" AND "PARLIAMENTARISM GAVE CAUSE FOR DOUBT THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY REAL CHANGE IN JSP. INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN "PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS"

attitudes. (unclassified)

COMMENT: DRAFT INDICATES ACTING CHAIRMAN EDA AND POLICY BOARD CHAIRMAN NARITA MANAGED TO KEEP THEIR "STRUCTURAL REFORM" FORMULATION SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT IN FACE OF CRITICISM BY EXTREME LEFTISTS, BUT STRUCK JUDICIOUS BALANCE BETWEEN SHORT-TERM GOALS AND MASS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES FAVORED BY SOHYO AND LEFT-WING THEORETICIAN SAKISAKA. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MATERIAL CHANGE IN JSP'S METHODS OF OPERATION UNLIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. NIKKYOSO OFFICIALS ENTER JSP

ON FEBRUARY 5, FIFTY-FOUR OFFICIALS OF MAINSTREAM FACTION NIKKYOSO (JAPAN TEACHERS UNION), INCLUDING CHAIRMAN KOBAYASHI AND SEC GEN MIYANOHARA, AFFILIATED WITH JSP IN MASS CEREMONY AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS. GROUP INCLUDE 37 OF 65 MEMBERS NIKKYOSO CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MOVE GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS REFLECTING FACTIONAL RIVALRY WITHIN NIKKYOSO, RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE ON EXISTING CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH JSP. MAINSTREAM, CLOSE TO JSP, APPARENTLY BELIEVES AFFILIATION WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC IMAGE AND WIN FURTHER SUPPORT FROM RANK-AND-FILE TEACHERS IN ANTICIPATED

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SHOWDOWN WITH ANTI-MAINSTREAM AT MAY NIKKYOSO CONVENTION. ANTI-MAINSTREAM, LED BY FORMERSECGEN HIRAGAKI, AND INCLUDING 28 CEC MEMBERS, FAVORS CLOSER COOPERATION WITH COMMUNISTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. GOJ REPLY TO NIKKYOSO'S PROTEST TO ILO (WEEKA 4, ITEM 7)

GOJ FEBRUARY 7 ANNOUNCED IT HAD SKED ILO TO DISMISS NIKKYOSO CLAIM THAT GOJ VIOLATED UNION RIGHTS BY DENYING TEACHERS STRIKE WEAPON. GOJ POINTED OUT TEACHERS ARE "PUBLIC SERVANTS", THAT OBLIGATION TO BARGAIN RESTS ONLY WITH PREFECTURAL GOVT AUTHORITIES (NOT EDUCATION MINISTER AS NIKKYOSO CLAIMS), AND THAT TEACHERS HAVE BEEN DISCIPLINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOMESTIC LAW. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GOJ COMMUNICATION TO ILO MADE PUBLIC OVER LABOR MINISTRY OBJECTIONS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE EDMIN ARAKI WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT GOVT HAD NOT CHANGED ITS BASIC POSITION IN DISPUTE WITH NIKKYOSO (SEE REF). (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. EDUCATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE (WEEKA 5, ITEM 9, FEB 5, 1960)

TENTH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL STUDY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY NIKKYOSO AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS UNION (NIKKOKSO) HELD JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3. SPEAKERS INCLUDED NIKKYOSO LEADERS, SOHYO SECGEN IWAI, AND FANG MIN (MEMBER OF VISITING CHICOM DELEGATION). DESPITE USUAL REFERENCES TO "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM", CONFERENCE LAID GREATER STRESS THAN IN PAST ON EDUCATIONAL AS OPPOSED TO POLITICAL ISSUES. EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN

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HISTORY OF CONFERENCE, CRITICISM OF NIKKYOSO'S TRADE-UNION, CLASS-WAR APPROACH WAS FREELY VOICED BY TEACHERS AND PTS GROUPS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: GROWING CRITICISM OF NIKKYOSO'S POLICIES BY RANK-AND-FILE AND PUBLIC PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO TACTICAL DECISION OF EXTREME LEFT-WINGERS TO DISPLAY RELATIVELY MODERATE POSTURE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

8. SOHYO-ZENRO COOPERATION (WEEKA 2, ITEM 4)

ON FEBRUARY 8 ZENRO FORMALLY REJECTED JANUARY 7 SOHYO BID FOR JOINT CAMPAIGN AGAINST INDUSTRIAL RATIONALIZATION (REF) ON GROUNDS THAT TWO ORGANIZATIONS' FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT ON SUBJECT PREVENTS BROAD-BASED COOPERATION. ZENRO, HOWEVER, AGREED TO ENTER INTO TALKS WITH SOHYO REGARDING SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING 40-HOURS, 5-DAY WORK WEEK. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOHYO, ZENRO, SHINSANBETSU AND CHURITSU ROREN HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED JOINT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF WIDE DIFFERENCES AMONG FOUR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, LIKELY THAT THEIR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ON ILO 87 AND OTHER ISSUES WILL BE RESTRICTED TO DRAFTING JOINT DOCUMENTS ADDRESSED TO GOJ. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

9. OTA RETURNS (WEEKA 52, ITEM 4)

KAORU OTA (PRESIDENT, SOHYO) FEBRUARY 3 RETURNED FROM

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-WFTU-SPONSORED EUROPEAN TOUR HIGHLIGHTED BY RELEASE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH WFTU UNIONS IN EAST GERMANY AND ITALY AND BY SUCCESSION OF PRESS CONFERENCES IN WHICH HE ATTACKED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM". IN AIRPORT STATEMENT OTA SAID THAT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUGGLES IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE FUSED TOGETHER, AND THAT SOHYO'S "SPRING OFFENSIVE" SHOULD BE RE-DIRECTED TOWARD POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: SOHYO MAINSTREAMERS HAD URGED OTA TO AVOID EXTRAVAGANT STATEMENTS DURING TRIP. HAVING IGNORED THIS ADVICE (E.G., HE STATED RUSSIAN WORKERS WERE "FREEST IN WORLD"), HE IS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN TO TASK BY MAINSTREAM, SOME OF WHOM ALREADY MANEUVERING TO REPLACE HIM AT NEXT SUMMER'S CONVENTION.
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JOINT WEEKA NO. 7

POLITICAL

1. SHIMANAKA INCIDENT (WEEK 6, ITEM 1)

IN AFTERMATH OF SHIMANAKA INCIDENT, GOJ HAS DESIGNATED FOUR CABINET- LEVEL OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP BROADSCALE PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (SEE REF). AT MEETINGS FEBRUARY 11 AND 13 GROUP DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT CABINET ESTABLISH "ANTI-CRIME COUNCIL" IN PM'S OFFICE, AND THAT GOVERNMENT SHORTLY SUBMIT FOUR PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS FOR DIET APPROVAL, INCLUDING MEASURES TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROLS OVER POSSESSION OF

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KNIVES AND SWORDS. ON FEBRUARY 9 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION EXONERATED POLICE OF NEGLIGENCE IN SHIMANAKA INCIDENT AND DECLARED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR KEN OGURA, CHIEF OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, TO RESIGN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOCIALISTS CONTINUE TO DEMAND RESIGNATION OF LEADING POLICE OFFICIALS, AND VIOLENCE OF BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT REMAINS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM, PROMPT CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS BY GOJ HAVE ENABLED ADMINISTRATION TO TIDE OVER SHIMANAKA INCIDENT.

2. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT

JSP LEADERSHIP FEBRUARY 14 APPROVED NEW FOREIGN POLICIES FOR SUBMISSION TO PARTY'S MARCH CONVENTION, MODIFYING IN SOME PARTICULARS STATEMENT ISSUED LAST SEPTEMBER (WEEK 38, ITEM 2). NEW POLICIES DROP EMPHASIS ON "POSITIVE NEUTRALITY", WHICH WOULD "STEER CLEAR OF BOTH EAST AND WEST CAMPS", AND INSTEAD STRESS AMERICAN "RELIANCE ON POWER" AS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF CONTINUED TENSION IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS LAOS. REFERENCES TO CLOSER ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND PERSONNEL EXCHANGE WITH US ABSENT IN NEW PROGRAM. WHILE JSP STILL REGARDS ABROGATION OF SECURITY TREATY AS KEY TO SOLUTION OF MANY OF JAPAN'S PROBLEMS, PRINCIPAL THEME IS RESTORATION RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA. STATEMENT FULLY ACCEPTS CHOU EN-LAI'S THREE PRINCIPLES",

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-INCLUDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TAIWAN SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AS
INTERNAL CHINESE PROBLEM. IN ADDITION TO USUAL CALL FOR WITH-
DRAWAL OF US FORCES, REJECTION US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, RETURN
OF OKINAWA AND BONINS, ETC., JSP ADDS IT "DOES NOT RECOGNIZE
GARIOA OBLIGATIONS". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: JSP FOREIGN POLICY HAS SHIFTED TO LEFT TO
-POINT WHERE ALMOST ALL POSITIONS IDENTICAL TO COMMUNIST
LINE, INDICATING THAT POLICY STATEMENT LAST FALL INTENDED
PRIMARILY TO WIN VOTES IN NOVEMBER ELECTION. COMING
AT SAME TIME THAT PARTY HAS EMPHASIZED MORE MODERATE
POLICIES IN DOMESTIC FIELD (WEEK 6, ITEM 4), ADHERENCE TO
EXTREME LEFT POSITIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY MAY REFLECT MUTUAL
CONCESSIONS ON PART OF JSP FACTIONS IN INTEREST OF PARTY
UNITY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET PASSED

DIET'S PRINCIPAL ACTION DURING WEEK WAS PASSAGE
BY LOWER HOUSE OF YEN 44 BILLION SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31. YEN 9 BILLION
-REVENUES TRANSFERRED TO LOCAL ENTITIES UNDER TAX-SHARING
PROVISIONS OF LAW AND YEN 35 BILLION TRANSFERRED TO INDUSTRIAL
INVESTMENT SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR CAPITAL-FINANCING PROGRAMS
-OF GOVERNMENT. SOCIALIST ATTACKED BUDGET AS CONTRAVENTING

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~~PUBLIC FINANCE LAW ON GROUNDS THAT SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETS ARE JUSTIFIABLE ONLY FOR EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES AND THAT YEN 20 BILLION OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT FUNDS WERE BEING HELD ASIDE FOR UNSPECIFIED PURPOSES IN FY 1962 OR BEYOND. JSP CHARGED GOVERNMENT PURPOSELY UNDERESTIMATED REVENUES EARLIER IN FISCAL YEAR WITH THOUGHT OF CARRYING FORWARD RESOURCES FOR UNSTATED FUTURE USE. (UNCLASSIFIED)~~

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FINANCE MINISTER GAVE ASSURANCES OF LEGALITY GOJ POSITION AND NOTED PRECEDENTS EXISTED FOR SIMILAR APPROPRIATIONS, JSP QUESTIONS MAY EVENTUALLY LEAD TO CHANGES IN PUBLIC FINANCE LAW TO CLARIFY POINTS RAISED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. JSP MISSION TO USSR

SOVIET AMBASSADOR NICOLAI FEDORENKO FEBRUARY 15

CALLED ON SABURO EDA, ACTING CHAIRMAN JSP, TO INFORM HIM THAT KHRUSHCHEV "WOULD BE DELIGHTED" TO INVITE JSP MISSION TO USSR. EDA REPLIED HE WOULD FURNISH FEDORENKO WITH DETAILS ON TIMING AND COMPOSITION SOMETIME AFTER PARTY'S MARCH CONVENTION. EMBASSY INFORMED BY JSP OFFICIAL THAT VISIT MAY TAKE PLASE IN SEPTEMBER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: FEDORENKO'S OVERTURE FOLLOWED UP KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARK TO VISITING JSP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER SHICHIRO MATSUMOTO

~~IN JANUARY THAT JSP MISSION TO USSR WOULD BE WELCOME.~~

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5. MISIT OF CHICOM LABOR DELEGATION (WEEKA 4, ITEM 6)
CHICOM TRADE UNION DELEGATION (REF) DEPARTED TOKYO
FEBRUARY 14 AFTER ISSUING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH SOHYO, WHICH
PLEDGED COOPERATION IN FIGHT AGAINST "US IMPERIALISM".

COMMUNIQUE ALSO ENDORSED SPEED-UP IN EXCHANGES BETWEEN
-CHICOM LABOR AND SOHYO, SPECIFYING CHICOM INVITATION TO
SOHYO PRESIDENT OTA TO VISIT COMMUNIST CHINA.

ACCORDING LABOR MINISTRY, GOJ SUSPECTED REAL PURPOSE
OF CHICOM GROUP WAS TO EVALUATE STATE OF JAPANESE ECONOMY,
POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDED TRADE, STRENGTH OF IKEDA CABINET
AND STATUS OF "PEOPLE'S FRONT". (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CHICOM DELEGATION RECEIVED LITTLE
NATIONAL PUBLICITY AND CONFINED CONTACTS TO NARROW CIRCLE,
CUMULATIVE EFFECT THESE VISITS CONTRIBUTES TO CHICOM
OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING INFLUENCE WITHIN JAPANESE
LEFT AND ENCOURAGING "PEOPLE'S NOVEMENT" FOR ESTABLISHMENT
JAPAN-COMCHINA RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

6. REACTION TO CONGO SITUATION

FOLLOWING LUMUBA'S DEATH AND SOVIET ATTACK ON UN

-SECGEN HAMMARSKJOLD, TREATMENT OF CONGO PROBLEM BY MASS

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-MEDIA FOCUSSED ON FUTURE ROLE OF UN. EDITORIALS IN ALL PAPERS HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT UN MEMBERS WILL ACT "CONSTRUCTIVELY" TO AVERT WORSENING OF CONGO SITUATION. YOMIURI FEBRUARY 17 WARNED THAT UN "FACES DANGER OF COMPLETE PARALYSIS OF ITS FUNCTIONS".

WHILE DISORDER IN SC PUBLIC GALLERY AND RIOTS IN MAJOR -WORLD CITIES RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE, ONLY LOCAL PROTEST THUS FAR WAS SMALL DEMONSTRATION FEBRUARY 16 BEFORE BELGIAN EMBASSY TOKYO BY ABOUT 35 HARD-CORE LEFTISTS.

(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NONE.

7. SOVIET VENUS SHOT

LAUNCHING OF SOVIET ROCKET TOWARD VENUS RECEIVED WIDESPREAD COVERAGE IN ALL JAPANESE MEDIA. COMMENTATORS TERMED IT "ANTASTIC", EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE OF LATEST ACHIEVEMENT, AND STRESSED HOPE THAT USSR WOULD WORK OUT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN SPACE RESEARCH WITH US, AS SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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-8. DEFENSE REVISION BILLS

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-JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) BILLS TO REVISE JDA
ESTABLISHMENT AND SELF DEFENSE FORCE (SDF) LAWS WERE
SUBMITTED TO DIET FEBRUARY 14. MAJOR PROVISIONS INCLUDE:
INCREASE IN AUTHORIZED JDA AND SDF CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED
STRENGTH FROM 254,799 TO 268,333; INCREASED POWERS FOR
JOINT STAFF COUNCIL; ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT STAFF COLLEGE;
-CREATION OF GRADUATE SCIENCE COURSE AT DEFENSE ACADEMY;
REORGANIZATION OF GSDF INTO 13 DIVISIONS; REORGANIZATION
OF MARITIME SELF DEFENSE FLEET; ACIVATION OF 2 ADDITIONAL AIR
WINGS IN ASDF. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BILLS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE SUBMITTED TO BUT
NOT ACTED UPON BY TWO DIET SESSIONS LAST YEAR (WEEKA 51,
ITEM 6). WHILE SOCIALISTS EXPECTED TO OBJECT
VIGOROUSLY TO PROVISIONS FOR INCREASE OF SDF AUTHORIZED STRENGTH
AND WIDER POWERS FOR JSC, THERE APPEARS TO BE GOOD CHANCE
BILLS WILL BE APPROVED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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9. 1961 MSDF TRAINING CRUISE

-CABI ET. FEBRUARY 10 APPROVED 70-DAY TRAINING CRUISE
(JUNE 23-SEPTEMBER 1) FOR 1961 GRADUATING CLASS (185 OFFICERS)
OF MARITIME SELF DEFENSE FORCE SCHOOL. TRAINING SQUADRON
-WILL CONSIST OF FOUR DESTROYERS MANNED BY TOTAL OF 1,172 MEN

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-(INCLUDING TRAINEES) AND COMMANDED BY REAR ADMIRAL SAKUO MIKAMI.
PLANS CALL FOR SHIPS TO VISIT U.S. PORTS OF MIDWAY, PEARL HARBOR,
SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES AND HONOLULU AND MEXICAN PORTS OF
MANZANILLO AND ACAPULCO. INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY
THAILAND NAVAL CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MSDF TRAINING SQUADRON TO
VISIT THAILAND IN 1962 (CONFIDENTIAL)
-COMMENT: ACCEPTANCE OF THAI INVITATION WILL DEPEND ON
POLITICAL SITUATION AND POSSIBILITY OF INVITATIONS FROM OTHER
SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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JOINT WEEK NO. 8

POLITICAL

1. SHIMANAKA INCIDENT (WEEK 7, ITEM 1)

POLICE FEBRUARY 21 ARRESTED BIN AKAO (LEADER OF
EXTREME RIGHTIST GREAT JAPAN PATRIOTIC PARTY) ON SUSPICION
OF COMPLICITY OF SHIMANAKA INCIDENT. DECISION FOR AKAO'S
ARREST BASED MAINLY ON STATEMENTS BY 17-YEAR-OLD ASSAILANT.

- IF SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE DEVELOPS,; AKAO MAY BE INDICTED

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MEANWHILE, CABINET APPROVED BROADSCALE CRIME PREVENTION PLAN, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT "ANTI-CRIME COUNCIL" IN PM'S OFFICE AND SUBMISSION TO DIET OF FOUR PUBLIC SAFETY BILLS. SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) SOUGHT DISCREDIT GOVT PROGRAM AS THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES, WHILE URGING DIET PASSAGE OF ITS BILL SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST RIGHTISTS. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY ALSO DRAFTED ITS OWN ANTI-TERRORISM BILL FOR EARLY PRESENTATION TO DIET.

HAVING EARLIER BEEN CLEARED BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION OF BLAME FOR SHIMANAKA INCIDENT (REF), KEN OGURA WK METROPOLITAN POLICE CHIEF) RESIGNED FEBRUARY 23. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: ARREST OF AKAO PROVIDED EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO JSP ALLEGATIONS THAT POLICE "SOFT" TOWARD RIGHTISTS, WHILE GOVT-LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) PLAN DESIGNED TO COPE WITH VIOLENCE FROM LEFT AS WELL AS RIGHT COUNTERED JSP EFFORTS TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ENTIRELY ON RIGHTISTS.

WHETHER OR NOT OGURA'S RESIGNATION REPRESENTS POLITICAL COMPROMISE WORKED OUT BY LDP, HIS WITHDRAWAL MAY FACILITATE LDP'S EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JAPAN'S UN AMBASSADOR ADVOCATES JAPANESE CONTINGENT IN CONGO

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AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21 KOTO MATSUDAIRA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO UN, SUGGESTED JAPAN MAKE SELF DEFENSE FORCE TROOPS AVAILABLE TO UN FOR SERVICE AS "OBSERVERS" IN CONGO. MATSUDAIRA CONTENDED THAT IF UN IS KEY ELEMENT IN JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY IT IS ONLY LOGICAL THAT JAPAN SHOULD ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN UN POLICE FORCE. SOCIALISTS IMMEDIATELY RAISED STORM OF PROTEST. FOMIN KOSAKA WAS QUICK TO DISSOCIATE GOVT FROM MATSUDAIRA'S RECOMMENDATION AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO BE MORE DISCREET IN FUTURE. MATSUDAIRA SUBSEQUENTLY RETRACTED HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SUBJECT "SINCE IT HAD LED TO MISUNDERSTANDING" BUT MADE CLEAR THAT HIS OPINION REMAINED UNCHANGED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: MATSUDAIRA HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FREQUENTLY FOR ALLEGED SUBSERVIENCE TO US ON UN MATTERS AND FOR LACK OF "INDEPENDENT:" JAPANESE POLICY IN UN. FORTHRIGHT SUGGESTION THAT JAPAN PARTICIPATE IN UN POLICE FORCE PROBABLY INTENDED AS HIS ANSWER SINCE HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF JAPAN REFUSES SUPPORT UN ACTION IN CONGO BY TROOP CONTIGENT, JAPANESE UN DELEGATION CAN HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO EXERT FORCEFUL INDEPENDENT INFLUENCE ON SUBJECT. GOJ DISINCLINED TO DO BATTLE ON ISSUE AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF EXTREME SENSITIVITY ATTACHED TO QUESTION OF DEFENSE FORCES.

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3. NIIJIMA DISPUTE (WEEK 6, ITEM 2)

AT JSP INITIATIVE, JSP DIET REPRESENTATIVES MET FEBRUARY 20 WITH DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) DIRECTOR NISHIMURA AND OTHER OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NIIJIMA BASE PROBLEM. PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN TOKYO WITH AIM OF DEVELOPING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. GOVERNMENT WILL POSTPONE ACTION ON NIIJIMA BASE PLANS AND LEFTISTS WILL CALL OFF ANTI-BASE AGITATION WHILE TALKS IN PROGRESS. JDA OFFICIALS BELIEVE JSP OVERTURE MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT SOHYO, LEADERS OF WHICH FINDING IT DIFFICULT PERSUADE UNION MEMBERS KEEP UP WEEKLY ANTI-BASE EXCURSIONS TO NIIJIMA IN VIEW JSA'S RECENT "GO-SLOW" ON PROJECT (SEE REF). JDA CONVINCED JSP AND SOHYO SEEKING FACE-SAVING DEVICE TO WITHDRAW FROM NIIJIMA "STRUGGLE". (CONFIDENTIAL).

COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS JDA WILL NOT PERMIT TALKS CONTINUE INDEFINITELY, PARTICULARLY IF JSP APPEARS TO BE ENGAGING IN MERE DELAYING TACTICS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4 JAPAN OFFERS FOOD TO COMCHINA

CABINET DECIDED FEBRUARY 21 TO OFFER RELIEF SHIPMENTS OF RICE AND OTHER FOOD TO RED CHINA PREFERABLY THROUGH MEDIUM OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. GENERALLY ASSUMED CHICOMS WILL REJECT OFFER, AND DECISION HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN SUBJECT

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MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOST GOJ OFFICIALS BELIEVE POPULAR OPINION SYMPATHIZES WITH HUMANITARIAN OFFER, SOME OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS OPPOSED MOVE FOR VARIETY OF REASONS RANGING FROM FACT THAT CHICOMS STILL EXPORTING FOOD TO CONCERN THAT CHICOMS MIGHT CONSIDER RELIEF "INSULTING AND PROVOCATIVE". (CONFIDENTIAL).

5. JSP "SPY-SCHOOL" CHARGE

JSP DIET MEMBER ICHIO ASUKATA ASSERTED IN LOWER HOUSE FEBRUARY 22 THAT JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (JTAG) AT ATSUGI NAS HAD BEEN USED BY CIA TO TRAIN CHINESE SECRET AGENTS WHO WERE THEN DROPPED ON CHINESE MAINLAND BY UNMARKED U.S. AIRCRAFT. HE SAID SECRET AGENTS ARRESTED BY CHICOMS 1951-55 HAD CONFESSED THEY CAME FROM JAPAN. GOJ SPOKESMEN REPLIED USFJ HAD ADVISED THAT JTAG, WHICH CEASED OPERATIONS JAN. 31, WAS MILITARY SUPPLY ORGANIZATION AND NOT SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERY, EMBASSY ON BASIS OF ADVICE FROM USFJ STATED THAT ASUKATA'S ASSERTIONS WERE COMPLETE FABRICATION AND JTAG AT ATSUGI NEVER HAD ANY INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: NONE.

6. DOCTORS AND DENTISTS STRIKE

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COMMENT: ALTHOUGH "STRIKE" DRAMATIZED GRIEVANCES OF MEDICAL PROFESSION, PUBLIC, OPINION APPEARS DIVIDED WHETHER DOCTORS AND DENTISTS JUSTIFIED IN RESORTING TO SUCH TACTICS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOST GOJ OFFICIALS BELIEVE POPULAR OPINION SYMPATHIZES WITH HUMANITARIAN OFFER, SOME OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS OPPOSED MOVE FOR VARIETY OF REASONS RANGING FROM FACT THAT CHICOMS STILL EXPORTING FOOD TO CONCERN THAT CHICOMS MIGHT CONSIDER RELIEF "INSULTING AND PROVOCATIVE".

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5. JSP "SPY-SCHOOL" CHARGE

JSP DIET MEMBER ICHIO ASUKATA ASSERTED IN LOWER HOUSE FEBRUARY 22 THAT JOINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (JTAG) AT ATSUGI NAS HAD BEEN USED BY CIA TO TRAIN CHINESE SECRET AGENTS WHO WERE THEN DROPPED ON CHINESE MAINLAND BY UNMARKED U.S. AIRCRAFT. HE SAID SECRET AGENTS ARRESTED BY CHICOMS 1951-55 HAD CONFESSED THEY CAME FROM JAPAN. GOJ SPOKESMEN REPLIED USFJ HAD ADVISED THAT JTAG, WHICH CEASED OPERATIONS JAN. 31, WAS MILITARY SUPPLY ORGANIZATION AND NOT SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERY, EMBASSY ON BASIS OF ADVICE FROM USFJ STATED THAT ASUKATA'S ASSERTIONS WERE COMPLETE FABRICATION AND JTAG AT ATSUGI NEVER HAD ANY INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: NONE.

6. DOCTORS AND DENTISTS STRIKE

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CDR MARGUERY, CHIEF OF ARGENTINE NAVAL MISSION IN JAPAN, IS SCHEDULED MEET FEBRUARY 24 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANIES OF DESIGN, SCHEDULES, PRICE, ETC. ONE OF "BIG 7", OR ALL ACTING AS COMBINE, WOULD UNDERTAKE PROJECT. ARGENTINA DISCUSSING SAME DEAL SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH WEST GERMANY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: MARITIME SELF DEFENSE FORCE SOURCE SAID THAT SIMILAR PROJECTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MARGUERY PREVIOUSLY. IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS FAILURES, MARITIME STAFF OFFICE NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC THAT PRESENT TALKS WILL SUCCEED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MACARTHUR

RMR

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